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1. RE REFTEL A:

(A) PARA 1: CODEL CONCURS WITH APPOINTMENTS SUGGESTED.

(B) PARA 2: CODEL APPRECIATES INVITATION TO STAY WITH CHARGE BUT DOES NOT WISH TO IMPOSE AND SO WOULD LIKE TO STAY AT HOTEL.

(C) PARA 3: KNEALE WILL NOT ENTER LAOS WITH CONGRESSMAN. CODEL STRESSES HIS INTEREST IS STRICTLY POW/MIA PROBLEM. WOULD LIKE KNEALE TO ACCOMPANY HIM BUT DOES NOT WISH TO CAUSE PROBLEMS SO WILL ABIDE BY AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE.

(D) PARA 4: CODEL WOULD ENJOY JULY 4 CELEBRATION BUT DOES NOT WANT IT TO INTERFERE WITH APPOINTMENTS ON POW/MIA MATTERS. HE ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE INVITATION FOR EVENING RECEPTION.

(E) PARA 5: CODEL WOULD LIKE TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. RE REFTEL B:

(A) PARA 2: CODEL CONCURS WITH ARRANGEMENTS AS DESCRIBED.

(B) PARA 3: DEPARTMENT INFORMED CODEL ON DRV VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES. CODEL IS SENDING COMMERCIAL CABLE TO DRV EMBASSY PARIS REQUESTING VISA TO BE ISSUED IN VIENTIANE. DEPARTMENT IS READY IN PRINCIPLE TO APPROVE VALIDATION FOR MONTGOMERY'S TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM. SHOULD HANOI GRANT ENTRY VISA EMBASSY VIENTIANE OR SAIGON SHOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT FOR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY REGULAR PASSPORT AND TRAVEL VALIDATION.

3. FOR PARIS: ORIGINAL CODEL MESSAGE BEING REPEATED TO YOU PRIORITY FOR BACKGROUND, SHOULD YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN ENTRY VISA FOR CODEL. BROWN

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